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Purdue, West Lafayette to welcome students living off campus

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - For the 17th consecutive year, volunteers from Purdue University and the city of West Lafayette will go around the New Chauncey and Northwestern Heights neighborhoods on Tuesday (Aug. 23) evening to meet students living off campus and welcome them to West Lafayette and Purdue.

"Each year, thousands of Purdue students live off-campus and are an integral part of the Purdue and West Lafayette communities. We want to welcome our students into their neighborhoods and provide them with resources for living in the community," said Frank Dooley, vice provost for teaching and learning and chair of the Purdue Community Partnership Team.

Volunteers will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Graduate Student Center, room 105, at 504 Northwestern Avenue. Each volunteer will get a gold Meet and Greet T-shirt, a street map of the near-campus neighborhoods showing student residences, and door hangers with information about Purdue and West Lafayette that they will leave at each residence they visit.

Volunteers will then divide into small teams and walk around the neighborhoods to make their visits. Meet and Greet is arranged jointly by the Purdue University and West Lafayette Community Partnership teams.

"The main purpose of the teams is to work together to build on the strong relationship between Purdue and the city of West Lafayette," said Beverly Shaw, chair of the West Lafayette team and marketing and grants administrator for West Lafayette.

"Those of us already here know that West Lafayette and Purdue are great places to be," Mayor John Dennis said. "We want to share that sense of pride in our community with students who may be new to West Lafayette."

Meet and Greet is open to any West Lafayette resident and Purdue community member who wants to volunteer.

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